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## Kuipers Celebrates Reading Month

*Senator to Read to Local Students; Helps Kick-Off Month  
With 'Green-eggs and Ham' Press Conference*

(LANSING) – In recognition of March as Reading Month, state Senator Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, kicked-off the month-long event by participating in a “Green Eggs and Ham” breakfast press conference outside the Senate Chambers today. Senator Kuipers will also share his enthusiasm for reading by visiting five elementary schools across the 30<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

“Books open an entirely new world to children, and by visiting local schools I want to emphasize the enjoyment as well as the educational benefits of reading,” Kuipers, chair of the Senate Education Committee, said. “The ability to read and learn often means the difference between making it or not in our society. I want to help our youths make it.”

Senator Kuipers is scheduled to visit and read to local elementary schools at the following locations:

- March 14, 9:30 a.m. – Eagle Crest Charter Academy in Holland
- March 14, 2:00 p.m. – Grandview Elementary in Grandville
- March 24, 11:15 a.m. – Coopersville Elementary West in Coopersville
- March 24, 1:00 p.m. – Maplewood Elementary in Jenison
- March 28, 1:00 p.m. – Robinson School in Grand Haven

Kuipers, along with other members of the Senate Republican Caucus, held a “Green Eggs and Ham” breakfast press conference prior to Tuesday’s session. The event was hosted by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, and – in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday – included a catered green-eggs and ham breakfast buffet.

“I was pleased to join my Republican colleagues this morning to help kick-off March as Reading Month,” Kuipers said. “The event was conducted in order to stress the importance of reading and the numerous educational benefits it produces for our children.”

During the event Sleeping Bear Press donated the book “M is for Mitten” for Kuipers to donate to the school of his choice.

**Editor’s Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Kuipers at the “Green-eggs and Ham” breakfast press conference is available on the Senate Photowire at:**  
<http://www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/photowire/Index.htm>